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SENATOR INGALLS wants to see Canada and Central America joined to the United States.

MRS. LANGTRY, the "Jersey Lilly," will be divorced from her big, lubberly husband, this month, and in June will marry Fred Gebhardt. She has taken out her first naturalization papers and will become an "American Lilly."

BIGHAM YOUNG, the Mormon prophet, has come to life again. The Mormon elders have been preaching the resurrection of old Brigham and now after two years hiding he is to come out and further delude his ignorant followers. His death was a hoax.

OSBORN would have his readers believe that THE DIAMOND DRILL is a five column folio. There is at hand evidence in abundance to prove that this journal is a five column quarto. We thank him just the same for his good wishes for its success.

NOW AND THEN a man with an unimpeachable character goes wrong. Postmaster C. F. Sharp, of Oconto, is in the hands of the law, charged with robbing the United States mails. Mr. Sharp is the editor of Oconto county's only democratic paper, the Enquirer. We hope that soon the alleged deficiency will be satisfactorily explained and his innocence proved.

PHIL. A. BADOUR sends us number one of volume one of his Argus, from Peshtigo. It is a seven column folio, well made up and printed from a new outfit. Mr. Badour is energetic, a racy writer, will do much good work for Peshtigo and his Argus deserves success, and if the citizens of that berg consider their best interests, will see that it is well cared for. Success to the enterprise.

ABOUT MINES.

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Last, H. D. Fisher procuring the option through the influence of Mr. Weber, who will have as an interest, one thousand unassessable shares. It is understood that considerable stock has already been disposed of at a good round figure. It seems to the writer that the work of developing could be carried on much faster and at much less expense than now if machinery were used and the work confined to lowering the pits to a greater depth to ascertain to a certainty, the amount of ore there is there, instead of putting in so many shallow holes only to find what has already been uncovered in a former pit, but then it is supposed that Superintendent Fisher understands what he is doing. Captain Weber is quite confident that the company has received one dollar's worth of work for every dollar that has been put in there. It is safe to predict that the property will contribute to the out-put of ore from the Menominee Range and in not a small way.

Four of the wealthiest mining properties on the Gogebic Range are likely to become involved in a big law suit. The Gogebic Mining Record, published at Hurley, presents the matter very clearly in the following article: "If the Milwaukee mining circles are excited and turbulent over the attempt of a few capitalists and their lawyers to overturn the present ownership of the Ashland, Norrie, Aurora and Pabst mines, the iron men of the latter properties here, are going on as if nothing was in the report at all. In fact they all ignore it. Some—and they are not a few—laugh at the sensational stories of the Milwaukee press, which have gone so far as to almost give the names of the new managements that will assume charge of the above properties, when the change is made. Angus Smith, so the press of the Cream City says, will begin suit at once to obtain the title to the land on which the Ashland, Norrie, Aurora and Pabst are located. He bases his claim on the legality of what is called the 'Porterfield Scrip.' This scrip was authorized by an act of congress, approved April 11, 1860 and was issued in payment of an equitable claim held against the government by one Robert Porterfield. The secretary of the interior was directed by the act of congress to issue to Wm. Kinney and Thomas J. Michie, the executors of the Porterfield estate, a number of warrants, equal to 6,133 acres of land, according to the usual divisions of the public surveys, in quantities of not less than forty acres, to be by them located on any of the public lands that had been or might thereafter be surveyed and which might not have been otherwise appropriated at the time of such location, within any of the states and territories of the United States. The minimum price of the lands

not to exceed \$1.25 per acre and they were to be selected and located in conformity with the legal subdivisions of such surveys and appropriated according to the last will and testament of Robert Porterfield. This scrip was decided to be located upon any surveyed lands not legally appropriated, except mineral lands. The latter restriction was in 1872, removed by a law taking off all restrictions upon mineral lands and placing them on a level with and making them locatable the same as other lands. The lands of the Canal Co., are not affected in the same manner by the provisions of that law, because they were granted and located under provisions of an act of congress restricting the selection of mineral lands at a prior date, and the law of 1872 can not, therefore, apply to the Canal Co's lands. Speaking with the leading mining men on the subject, we failed to learn anything from them that would, or could be used one way or the other, except their total lack of seeing anything in the 'Porterfield Scrip' whereby the leases of the above mines could be set aside. John E. Burton said: 'My titles are derived mostly from the Newport & Lake Superior Land Co., of Newport, R. I., who bought the land outright from the government. All of the Iron King, Bonnie and Blue Jacket mines, the north half of the First National and the most valuable part—the central eighty acres—of the Valley mine, are located on lands the government sold to the Newport company for cash. They can not, therefore, be in any way affected by the suit. The Tontine and the south half of the First National mines, in which I am also interested, are located on lands owned by the Canal Co., and occupy the same position as the Aurora, Norrie, Ashland and Pabst mines, but there is not enough Porterfield scrip to cover those properties. The amount of Porterfield scrip originally issued only covered 6,600 acres, and Smith, I understand, has only six certificates. These certificates entitle him to enter six forties of unsold government land. The Aurora, Ashland and Norrie each consist of four forties and the Pabst two, fourteen forties in all, so that Smith, apparently, has not scrip enough to cover all of the land on which the mines mentioned in connection with the reported suit are located. I do not consider that there is any prospect of Smith being successful to the least extent, in his law suit against the Canal Co. The land in question was not known and could not have been known to contain mineral when the Canal Co., entered it. There is not a single out-crop on the whole Range. But assuming that Smith gets possession of the land, which is the worst that could possibly happen, what would be the result? Simply that the leases of the companies now operating the mines would be renewed. These companies have taken hold of the properties in good faith and have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in developing them, and no court of equity would eject them. It is not to the interest of the owner, no matter who is the owner, to eject the companies. The Aurora, for instance, in which I sold my stock some time since, will pay a royalty of \$100,000 this year to the owner of the fee. I have been informed,' said Mr. Burton, as the reporter was leaving, 'that this suit is threatened for the purpose of bearing the market, but I, for one, shall not dispose of my stock at a cent less than it is worth.'

DIAMOND DRILL CORES.

Two young men working in the woods for M. Gonyou, having read so much about persons winning fortunes by the investment of a single dollar in a lottery, concluded to try their luck and forwarded the prescribed price of a ticket to a concern advertised as doing the only legitimate lottery business in the world, with headquarters at New Orleans. Ten days they waited and then came back to them their letter. Across the face of the envelope was written in red ink, by the New Orleans postmaster, one word that was full of meaning. The word was, "fraudulent." Boys, if you have money you do not need, invest it in something that is sure to bring you good returns, with no possibility of being cheated. Send \$2.00 for THE DIAMOND DRILL for one year and you will be wiser and happier. Try it.

Messdames Doucet, Larson and Cameron tell an additional chapter to the one related last week regarding their involuntary sleigh ride to Florence. They did get on the wrong road and had gone a long way when the cutter was overturned, precipitating them into a snow bank. The intelligent horse did not wait for them, but proceeded down the road. The ladies began a race after the animal, but were unsuccessful, then realizing their serious position, did as all ladies do, cried in chorus. Fortunately a supply team happened along about that time and the teamster took them in charge and carried them safely to Florence.

The raffling of a team of horses, harness and sleigh, by H. Dawson, came off at this place of business on Saturday evening last and William Stratton, of the Great Western was the lucky man. It

was the very passage of luck in his case, as he was urged a long time before he made up his mind to purchase a ticket, which was the last one. He subsequently sold the team for \$150.

J. E. Burton, the Gogebic bonanza king, has a way of showing his generosity that will be appreciated by the poor printer. A young man of Ripon whom he has engaged to print a paper in the new town of Finney, on the Wisconsin Central, starts his paper with a building erected, free rent and five hundred cash in advance subscriptions paid for one year by Burton.

Mrs. Ismay, a blind lady living at the Great Western, had her hands badly burned on Tuesday. A piece of carpeting caught fire and she, after finding it, undertook to extinguish it. The left hand is burned to such an extent that it will be useless to her. Dr. Metcalf is doing all in his power for the unfortunate lady.

Colonel John Sobieski, a prominent lecturer, will be here on February 12th, 13th and 14th. He will lecture at Doucet's hall on the evenings of the 12th and 14th and Sunday evening, the 13th, will speak in the Church room. It is understood that two lectures will be given on temperance and one on "Life in Poland."

This journal was misinformed last week, regarding Westover, Sullivan & Co., transferring their crew from the Paint to the Fence river. The gentlemen have taken a contract to put 3,000,000 feet of pine into the Pine river, near Norway, and removed the crew, teams and camp equipage to that point early this week.

From March 1, the editor of this paper will give every subscriber who pays \$2.00 for one year's subscription to THE DIAMOND DRILL, a ticket entitling the holder to one chance in a drawing for an Eldridge sewing machine. The machine is brand-new and valued at \$55. The tickets are limited to one hundred.

A lumberman of experience said within hearing of a representative of this journal that, the present season was the most favorable for his business that he can remember, and that, "if loggers don't make money this winter it will be because they do not know the least thing about putting in pine."

The Kirby-Carpenter Co., and Gratton Bros., are banking logs just above the Paint river bridge and have got three tiers, each about thirty feet high. There is danger of this great mountain of pine taking the bridge with it when the logs start in the spring.

James Crossman, who last week took unto himself a wife, realized the fact that to begin his new life and do it right, he must have a live newspaper to read, and he, as all dutiful husbands should do, at once subscribed for THE DIAMOND DRILL.

A combined stool and bustle has been invented for the ladies. When the lady gets tired of standing or walking, all she has to do, when wearing one of the machines, is to sit down on her high stool, which is always handy. What next?

Dan Urquhart will cut 150 cords of ice on the Paint river and store it in his ice house at the bridge. The ice is twenty-four inches thick and is of the best quality that has ever been taken out.

A number of the young folks assembled on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Al. Austrian, in honor of her sister's, Miss Ida Bartel, twelfth birthday. A pleasant time was had.

John Gratton is logging for the Potts estate and will put in 700,000 feet of pine from a camp near Runkel lake. He is banking just above the Paint river bridge, east of town.

A small blaze occurred at Florence, on Sunday evening. The chimney in Joe Weber's house burned out and set fire to the roof. Prompt action only, saved the building.

MASTODON MATTERS.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

John Nixon visited Iron Mountain on Sunday.

Who got left on catching the train last Friday evening?

Miss Kittie Keizer arrived here from Peshtigo on Tuesday, where she has been visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. H. Roberts will give a festival in the school house next week, before leaving here for her home in Bessemer.

The two pugilists who knocked out the two Finlanders last Monday evening, had better be a little careful or they may get sadly left.

Thomas Wills, eldest son of Boxer Wills, was severely kicked by a horse one day this week. He was leading the animal from the well to the barn.

Our school ma'am gave a social and supper last Saturday evening. There was only a small attendance, but a very pleasant time was had. The proceeds go to buy an organ for the school.

Capt. C. T. Roberts has purchased the general merchandise business of Austrian & Co., here, and will keep on hand a large stock of dry goods and groceries, which will be dispensed by our friend Baker.

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